

A
LETTER
from a Souldier of
good place in Ireland, to
his friend in London, touching the
notable Victorie of her Maiesties Forces
there, against the Spaniards, and
Irish Rebels:

*And of the yeelding vp of Kynsale, and other
places there held by the Spaniards.*

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TO THE RIGHT
Worshipfull my espe-
ciall good friend, Sir W. D.
Knight.



It in my last of 19.
of December I wrote
to you at large of the
arrivall of the newe
supplie of Spaniards
at Castell-havē, Bal-
temoze, and Beerha-
nen, and of their in-
tents and beginnings
to fortifie, in all those
three important pla-
ces. Likewise that

Sir Richard Lewison towing out of Kinsale Haven a-
gainst winde & weather, fought with them within Ca-
lle Haven most valiantly, and of their ships being fire,
sunke and made insurmountable fine: the men being most
landed before hee could come to them, by reason of the
weather, and beating upon him very dangerously from
the land with their ordinance. That they were said to be
2000. in number, with great store of ordinance and mu-
nition, & that as they reported, some thousands more were
comming after. That a great part of the Irishry of Mū-
ster becommen Rebels of new, were revolted to them,
and receiued into the King of Spaines pay. That Odonell
with good forces of horse and foote out of the North, by
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the benefit of the then extreame & sudden frost, gat passage almost unlooked for by himselfe, and slipping by the Lord President of Munster (who was sent to impeach him) with such forces as could be spared from the Army) was ioyned with them. That Tyrone, with ORourck, Redman Bourck, Mac Guyre, Mac Mahone, Randal Mac Surley, Oconor, Slygoes brother, Tyrrel, the Baron of Lixenho, and the rest of the old fugitive Rebels of Munster, with the greatest and choicest force that was ever amassed in Ireland, were drawn nere our Camp, And that these all, together with sixe Ensignes of those newly arrived Spaniards, in all to the number of 6000. foote, and 500 horse, by Powle, were on foote ready to march towarde Kynsale and our Campe, with intent and most assured confident hope with helpe of them in the Town, which should haue salved out on the Campe, upon the attempt of Tyrone and Odonell, and were about 2000. Spaniards, almost all old souldiers, aswell to relæue and rescue the Towne, as to remoue our siege, and utterly to bzeake, dishonour, and defeate vs. And truly Sir, when I did then consider, on the one side this great strength, the newly ioyned men and horses to bee all fresh, vigorous, and strong, hauing all the Countrey open to them, abounding with victuals, forrages, armies, munition, and all furnitures: those in the Towne, the most of them experienced souldiers, well armed, and in no such want as was supposed: On the other side, our men in numbers scant equall to them, all almost tyred and wearied out with the miserie of a long Winters siege, our horses decayed, leane and very weake, our best meanes of victuals and forrage likely to be cut from vs, with many other impediments whercof I speake not; When I say, I well wayed and pondzed with my selfe these poynts, and layde together withall, this one of great importance, that when we should be forced (as it was

was likely) to answer two forces at once, one from the Towne, another without, a great part of our men were like enough to shrink, or at least not to stick firmly to vs (which by good coniectures I could make probable to you) Blame me not, if vpon these considerations I wrote to you then somewhat distrustfully of our estate, as taking indeed our liues and honours, this seruice, and by consequence this whole Countrey likely to be put to an vnequall iumpe. And so may I well say they were, although by the goodnesse of **G D D** especially, and by the most vigilant circumspection and valiant prowes of our worthy Generall, things out of these difficulties haue now sorted to so happy successe, as by that which followeth you shall sufficiently perceiue. To continue therefore my accustomed Relation to you, and to begin from that said day of the 19. of December, It may please you to knowe, that on Sunday the 20. wee still plying our attempts to the Towne, with face and shew as though we nothing cared for Tyrone and his companie, at night certaine intelligence was brought vs, that he would bee the next night within a myle and a halfe of vs, with all the aboue recyted forces. And accordingly vpon Monday the 21. towardees night, hee shewed himselfe with most part of his hoyle and foote, on a hill betwene our Campe and Corke, a myle off vs. At which time seeing two Regiments of our foote, and some hoyle drawne out of our Campe, and making a resolute march towardees him, hee fell backe to the other side of the hill, where hee encamped that night, strengthened with a fastnesse of wood and water. Whereby though his retire might bee imputed to some touch of credite, yet had hee this advantage, that hee might keepe from our Arme all passages and meanes for forrage: The other side ouer the River of Ownibuoye being wholly at his disposition, by reason of the generall reuolt of those parts.

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On Tuesday the 22. some of Tyrone's horse and foot made shewe againe in the place where they had done the day before, and that night were some of their horse, and 500. foot discovered, searching if they might finde fit way to the Towne.

On Wednesday the 23. aswell by intelligence otherwise, as by letters of Don Iohn d'Aquila, Generall of the Spaniards, and Captaine of the Towne newly intercepted, we found that he had importuned Tyrone and his company very much, to give an attempt vpon our Campe; intimating vnto them his owne necessitie, and likelihood to bee shortly forced within the Towne, their faithfull promises to succour him, the facilitie & undoubted successe of the enterprise, he assuring them, that our numbers could not be but much lessened, and those that were remaining, greatly decayed and weakened with the long winter siege, so that it was not possible we should be able to maintaine so much ground as we had taken whē our strength was full, if they on the one side, and he on the other put vs well too it: which he for his part promised them assuredly to doe very soundly from the Towne, whensoever they should thinke fit to doe the like from their Campe. And it seemeth that vpon this advice they tooke their determinate resolution for this course, and so put it in execution with all speed, either that night or the next at the furthest. Those of the Towne in the meane time gave vs alarums, made sallies, and did by all meanes what they could to keepe our men in continuall trauell, that they might be the lesse able for resistance when this attempt should come to be performed. The Lord Deputie till now applied himselfe in show wholly towards the Towne, but indeed not meaning any forceable effectuall attempt vpon it, till he sawe what would become of Tyrone and his forces.

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and therfore hadde an especiall eye, by continuall espiall, vpon his mouings, and lest suddaine hurt should be taken from him, of the Towne, if both he without, and they within should invade at once, he made Fortes and Barracadoes, heightned the ditches, deepened the Trenches, stopped and strengthened all the Avenues to the Towne, hadde the whole Army in a readinesse vpon every suddaine warning, and kept strong and watchfull guardes alwayes in all places. And now late in the night of this Wednesday, the thye and twentieth day, being assuredly enfourmed of their intent of attempt vpon his Campe that night, of the morrow after, his Lo. gaue order to strengthen the ordinary guardes, and to put the rest of his Army in readines, but not as yet into Armes: commaunding that the Regiment volant, which was a squadron of viii. Companies of foote, selected out of al the old Bands, conducted by Sir Hen. Poore, and appointed to be alwayes in a readines to answer all Alarumes, and therfore exempted from all other duties, should draw out beyond the west parte of the Campe, and there stand in Armes, not farre from the maine guard of horse.

A litle before the bzeake of day Sir Ric. Greame, who had the guard of horse that night, sent the Lo. Deputie Word, that the skowts had discovered the rebels matches in great numbers, wherupon his Lo. caused the Armie presently to arme, and 300. choise men to be drawne out of the quarter, where the Earle of Thomond and 3. other Regiments lay, to make stand betweene that quarter, and the Fort vpon the west hill, himselfe with Sir George Carow, Lo. President of Munster, Sir Richard Wingfield, marshall of Ireland, advanced forward towards the skowt, and hauing giuen order to Sir Hen. Dauers Lieutenant generall of the horse, for the ordering of those troopes, sent the Marshall, to take view of
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the Enemy, who sent word he was advanced horse and foote nere the toppe of the hill, where the Earle of Thomond first quartered, within lesse then 2. musket shotte of the towne. Whereupon the Lo: deputie calling to him sir Oliuer Lambert Gouvernor of Connaught, who being there without Charge, was commaunded to attend his Lo. that day, made choise of a peece of ground betwene that and the towne, of good aduantage, both to embattel, and fight, as hauing on the backe a Trench drawne from the Earle of Thomonds quarter, and so secured from the Towne: And on the front, a boggyish glyn passable with horse only at one sword: The ground wheron the Enemy must haue drawn in grosse to force the passage flanksered from the Earles quarter by the canon, and situate in the midst of all our forces, and returned word to the Marshall, that in that place hee was resolved to giue the Enemy battel, if hee came forward: commanding further, the Regiment of Sir H. Folias and three old Companies of the Regiment of Sir Oliuer Saint-Iohn to be brought thither, the rest of the Army being already in Armes, together with five hundred Sea-men, brought by Sir Richard Leueson to attend, when, and what, he should command.

But Tirone, whose meaning ouer night, was, to haue bene with vs before daie, and as wee since learned, to haue put all the Spaniards into the Towne, with blith. hundred of the best Irish vnder Tirrell seeing it now faire day light, and discovering the Marshall and Sir Hen. Dauers to be aduanced with all the horse, and Sir Hen. Poer with his Regiment, stopt at the foote of the hill, and anon, thinking it to be no day for him, retired the Tropes he had aduanced againe, to the bodie of his Armie beyond the sword. Presently the Marshall sent the Lord Deputie word, that the Enemy retired

in some disorder, whereupon his Lo: commanding the
 fornamed troops to follow him with al speed, advanced
 himselfe into the head of al, to see with his owne eye, the
 manner of the enemy, & in what sort thereupon he might
 determine to proceede. But before he could, either well
 view, or direct, a violent storme, during some quarter of
 an hower, gaue the enemy oportunitie, not yet perfectly
 discomered, to drawe off ouer a plaine in three great bo-
 dies of foote, all their horse in the Rere, and the wings
 with all their other loose men fallen vp into the head.
 Which the L. Deputie, the day now clearing, percei-
 uing and discouering, by this their disorderly March,
 that they were in feare, being certified also, that there
 was not before them any place of so good advantage to
 make head on, as those they had passed and quited, re-
 solved to follow, and to see what profit might be made of
 an enemy thus troubledly retiring. Whereupon dispat-
 ching presently Sir Geo. Carew, Lo. President of Mun-
 ster with three cornets of horse backe to the Campe, to
 attend there against the Towne, and whatsoever other
 attempt, because he was to be the fittest Commaunder
 in his Lo. absence, and because there had otherwise no
 horses bene left in the Campe, himselfe hauing with
 him, in al, betwene three and foure hundred horse, and
 vnder 1200. foot, made after the Enemy. And aduancing
 some mile further on, pressed him so hard, that he was
 forced to stand firme in three bodies vpon a foerde of a
 bogge (which bogge to assaile them, we must of necessity
 passe) and in all apparance, with a Resolution there to
 abide vs and fight. They maintained a good skirmish
 on our side the Bogge, with their loose wings, newly
 drawne out of their bodies, and hurt some of our men
 and horses, till with our wings they were at length bea-
 ten backe.

The Marshall being somewhat aduanced, espied a
 Ford, a musket shot off on the left hand, neglected by
 their foote, and onely guarded by their horse: whereof
 aduertising the Lord Deputy, with desire of leaue to
 force them that way: the Lord Deputy approving it,
 and commaunding to drawe by the foote with all expe-
 dition, the first wings of foote once arrived, seconded
 with sir Henry Poers regiment, the Marshall, with the
 earle of Clanricard, who neuer ceased bring to fight,
 taking with them sir Richard Greame, and other com-
 panies of horse: with them, and those foote, forcing the
 enemies horse that kept the passage, passed ouer, and
 with that aduantage, finding themselves side by side
 with the enemies battell, and further on then their rere,
 charged their battell in flanke, but finding them to
 stand firme, wheeled about. At which the enemies ta-
 king courage, drew on their horse, with a cry to a charge,
 who came on brauely within fiftie or sixtie paces of our
 horse, and there after their country fashion stopped, sha-
 king their haues, and railingly vaunting, but durst
 charge no further. Which the Lord Deputy seeing, sent
 presently ouer the Forde to them his owne cornet of
 horse, vnder sir William Godolphin, and the Lord Pre-
 sidents cornet vnder Captaine Minshow, (which two
 cornets he had appoynted before, to keepe stil a grosse in
 the Rere, to answer all accidents) together with two
 of our three bodies of foote vnder sir Iohn Barkeley Ser-
 iant maior of the Campe. Whereupon the Marshall
 and Earle of Clanrickard seeing a second at hand, v-
 niting themselves with Sir Henrie Dauers, hauing
 with him Captaine Taffe, Captaine Flemming, and
 other companies of horse, charged againe the Enemies
 horse, who not abiding the shooke, fledde. At the sight
 whereof, the battell dismayng, our menne thought
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it better to charge againe vpon them, then to followe the
 horse, and so coragiously doing, vtterly brake them. The
 rereward of the Enemy, in which was Tyrrell, and
 all the Spaniards, stode firme vpon the bogge on the
 right hand, vnto whom, within calluer shot, the Lord
 Deputie had drawne vp our Kere, which was Sir Oli-
 uer Saint Johns 3. companies, commanded by Captaine
 Roe, in absence of Sir Oliuer, (dispatched few dayes be-
 fore by the Lord Deputie, and Counsaile, for speciall af-
 faires to her Maiesty) charging him first, not to stir, till
 he receiued direction from him. But seeing Tirrell, and
 the Spaniards drawing betwene our horse, being on
 the execution, and the bodies of our foete, his Lo. hauing
 hitherto, by direction, set al other mens swords on work,
 himselfe now in the head of our said Kere, where he had
 before resolved to fight, charged the Enemy in flanke,
 and put them to a disorderly retreite after their fellows
 to the toppe of the next hill, where they made stand a lit-
 tle while. But the Irish quitting the Spaniards, the
 Spaniards in short time were broken by the Lord De-
 puties horse, commaunded by sir William Godolphin,
 and most of them slaine. The vanguard of the Enemy,
 with all the loose wings, which were many, seeing what
 happened, threw away their armes (and all our men
 being otherwise busie) escaped. The chiefe Comman-
 der of the Spaniards, Don Alonso d'Ocampo was ta-
 ken prisoner, with three Captaines, sixe Alferrez, and
 fortie souldiers. Tirone, and Odonell, with the rest of
 the Irish Lords, ran apace, and saued themselves. Those
 of the battell were almost all slaine, and there were
 (of the Irish Rebelles onely) found dead in the place, a-
 bout twelue hundred bodies, and about eight hundred
 were hurt, whereof many dyed that night: and the chase
 continuing almost two miles, was left off, our men

being tyed with killing. The Enemy lost two thousand Armes brought to reckning, besides great numbers imbrzeled, al their powder and drummes, and ix. ensignes, whereof 6. Spanish. Those of the Irish that were taken prisoners, being brought to the Campe, though they offered ransome, were all hanged. On our side, onely one man was slaine, the Cornet of sir Richard Greame. Sir Henry Dauers was hurt with a sword slightly: sir William Godolphin a little rased on the thigh with a holbert, Captaine Crofts the Skolwt-master with a shot in the back, & not aboute fire moe common souldiers hurt. Many of our horses were killed, and moe hurt. And thus were they utterly overthowne, who but the very night before, were so braue and confident of their owne good successe, as that they reckoned vs already theirs, and as wee since haue vnderstode, were in contemption whole prisoner the Lord Deputy should be, whose the the Lords President, and so of the rest. The Earle of Clanrickard carried himselfe this day very valiantly, and after the retreite sounded, was knighted by the Lorde Deputy, in the field amongst the dead bodie. So did all the rest of the Captaines, Officers, and Souldiers, named and vnnamed, and especially the Lo. Deputy himselfe, who brake, in person, vpon the floure of the army the Spaniards, and omitted no duety of a wise diligent Conductor, and valiant souldier. Upon the fight ended, he presently called together the Army, and with prayers, gaue God thanks for the victorie. A victorie indeede giuen by the God of Hostes, and marvellous in our eyes, if all circumstances be duely considered, and of such consequence for the preservation and assurance to her Maiestie, of this deeply endangered kingdome, as I leaue to wiser consideration, contenting my selfe with this, that I see the God of power and
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might, disposed to protect the last cause of his seruant, our gracious Queene Elizabeth, against the pride, malice, and powerful disdain of the greatest potentates, his enemies. To him be the glorie.

After this glorious victorie thus valiantly atchieued, the Lord Deputy the same day halted to his camps, lest any thing (in his absence) might happely haue bene attempted there. But, not finding the Enemy to haue made any sally, which indeede had bene but vaine for him, considering the small fruit he reaped by them heretofore, every one that he made hitherto redounding still to his owne detriment and losse, and every place of our Camp, at this time, being so wel and sufficiently strengthened and provided for against him as is sayd before.

The next day his Lordship commaunded Captayne Bodlegh Trench-maister generall of the Campe, who as well in the fight, as in the woorkes, had deserued speciall commendation, to see the formerly begunne Forts and platfomes, to be undertaken againe, and nearer approaches to be cast out towarde the towne. But after five or sixe dayes labour Don Iohn d' LAquila, captaine of the Towne and Forces within, offered a parley, sending the Drumme maier of the Towne with a sealed letter to the Lord Deputy, by which he required, that some gentleman of speciall trust and sufficiencie might be sent into the towne from his Lordship, to conferre with him, whom he would acquaint with such conditions, as he then shode vpon. His Request being assented vnto by his Lordship, sir William Godolphin was imployed in the negotiation, which was carried in this sorte, word for word, as it is taken out of the originalls here, viz.

Don Iohn tolde sir William, that hauing found the Lord Deputy (whome he termed the Viceroy) although a sharpe and powerfull, yet an honorable Enemy, and
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the Irish, not onely weake and barbarous, but (as he feared) perfidious friends, he was so farre in his affections reconciled to the one, and distasted with the other, as did inuite him to make an ouerture of such a composition as might be safe and profitable for the State of England, with least prejudice to the Crowne of Spaine, by deliuering into the Viceroy his power, the Towne of Kynsale, with all other places in Ireland, held by the Spanish, so as they might depart on honorable termes, fitting such men of warre, as are not (by necessity) enforced to receiue conditions, but willingly induced, for iust respects to dis-engage themselves, and to relinquish a people, by whom their King and Master had bene so notoriously abused, (if not betrayed.) That if the Viceroy liked to entertaine further parley touching this point, he would first be pleased to vnderstand them rightly, & to make his propositions such as might be sutable, to men thoroughly resolved, rather to bury themselves alive, and to endure a thousand deaths, then to giue way to one Article of accord, that should taste of basenes or dishonour, being so confident of their present strength, and the royall Second of Spaine, that they should make no doubt of yielding good account of themselves and their Interest in this Kingdome, but that a iust disdain, and spleene conceived against the nation, dissuaded them from being further engaged for it, then of force they must, Sir Wil. Godolphin being commaunded by the L. Deputie onely, to receiue Don Johns propositions and demaunds. Having made his L. and Counsel this Relation, was by them returned with the answer following. That howbeit the Lord Deputie hauing lately defeated their succours, didde so well vnderstand his owne strength and their weakenesse as made him nothing doubt of forcing them within a short time, whom

whom he did know to be pressed with unresistable
 difficulties, how much soever they laboured to co-
 ner and conceale the same, yet knowing that her
 sacred Majestie out of her gracious and mercifull
 disposition would esteeme the glorie of her victory
 to be blemished by a voluntary effusion, and an ob-
 stinate expence of Christian blood, was content to
 entertaine this offer of agreement, so as it might
 be concluded, vnder such honorable articles for her
 highnes as the aduantage she had against them
 gaue reason to demand: being the same which are
 sette downe in the Articles of agreement follow-
 ing, signed by the Lord Deputie, and Don Iohn &
 others: sauing that there was in them besides, the
 leauing of his treasure, munition, artillery, and the
 Quenes naturall Subiects to her disposition, all
 which points hee did peremptorily refuse, with co-
 nstant asseueracion that both he and all his would
 rather indure the last of misery then be found gull-
 ty of so foule a Treason against the honour of his
 Prince and the reputacio of his profession, though
 hee should find himselfe vnable to subsiste, much
 more now, when hee might not onely hope to su-
 staine the burden of the warre for a time, but with
 patience and constancie in the end to overcome it.
 That he took it so ill, to be misunderstood in ha-
 uing Articles of that nature propounded vnto him,
 as were they but once againe remembered in the
 Capitulation, the Viceroy should from thence-
 forth vse the aduantage of his sword and not the
 benefite of his former offers: adding, that the Viceroy
 might rather thinke to haue made a good and
 profitable purchase for the Crowne of England,

it with the expence of 200000 Duckats hee had
 procured Don Iohn to quitte his interest and footing
 but in Baltymore alone, to say nothing of Lyn-
 sale, Castell-hauen, and Berrehauen: for (said he)
 suppose that all we with the rest of our places here
 had perished, yet would that Pen Insula (being
 strong in it owne nature, bettered by our arte
 and industrie, provided as it is of victuals, munition,
 and good store of Artillerie) preserve vnto the
 King of Spaine a safe and commodious port for the
 arrivall of his fléete, and be able to maintaine it
 selfe against a land Armie of ten thousand, untill
 Spaine (being so deeply engaged) did in honour
 reléue thē: which would drawe on a more power-
 full inuasion then the first, being vnderaken vpon
 false groundes, at the instance of a base and barba-
 rous people, who in discovering their weakenes
 and want of power, haue armed the King my Ma-
 ster to relie vpon his owne strength, being tied in
 honour to reléue his people that are engaged, and
 to cancell the memory of our former disaster. But
 this was spoken (said he) in case the Viceroy were
 able to force this town, as I assure my selfe he can-
 not, hauing vpon mine Honour within these wals
 at this instant, about two thousand fighting men,
 that are strong and able, besides those, which ha-
 ving been sick and hurt, recover dayly: the great-
 est part of these, composed of old Souldiers, which
 fall not but by the swoord, and those that were new,
 being now both trayned to their Armes & growne
 acquainted with the Climate, are more able to en-
 dure then at the first: our meanes as good as they
 haue bene any times these two monethes, such as
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the Spaniards can well away withall, and therof to suffice vs for three moneths more. We lodge in good warme houses, haue store of munition, and (which is best of all) stand well assured that our succours will be shortly here. To be playne, we preserve our men, and reserve our strength the best we may, hoping to front you in a breach, which if our hearts sayle vs not, we haue hands and breasts enough to stop against treble your forces: though I will giue the Viceroy this right, That his men are passing good, but spent and tyred out with the misery of a winter siege, which he hath obstinately maintayned beyond my expectation, but with such caution, and vpon so good guard, as hauing nicely watched all aduantages, I could neuer fasten a ballie yet vpon him, but with losse to my selfe: wherein I muste acknowledge my hopes deceayued, that grounding on some error in his approaches, promised my self the defeate of at least a thousand men at one blowe. But when we mete on the breach, I am confident on good reason, to lay five hundred of your best men on the earth, and rest hopeful that the losse of those will make a great hole in an Armie that hath already suffered so much extremitie.

But to conclude our businesse, the king my Master sent me to assist the Condes, O'neale & O'donnell, presuming on their promise, that I should haue ioyned with them within few daies of the arrivall of his forces. I expected long in vaine, sustained the Viceroyes Armie, saw them batten to the greatest head they could possibly make, lodged within two myles of Bynsale, reinforced with certayne

companies of Spanyards, euery houre promising
 to releue vs, and beeing ioyned together to force
 your rampes, saue them at last broken with a
 handfull of men, blowne asunder into diuers parts
 of the world, O Donnell into Spaine, Oncale to
 the southest of the North, so as now I finde no
 such Condes in rerum natura (for those were the
 very wordes hee vled) as I came to ioyne with-
 all, and therefore haue moued this accord, the ra-
 ther to disingage the King my Maister from ass-
 sting a people so vnable in themselves, that the
 whole burden of the warre must lie vpon him, and
 so periculosus, as perhaps might bee induced in ac-
 quitall of his fauour, at last to betray him. Upon
 relation made by Sir VVilliam Godolphin to the
 Lord Deputie and Councell, of these offers of Don
 Iohn, which at severall conferences had beene
 brought to such heads, as are spoken of before: it
 was thought good, for diuerse important reasons,
 to proceed roundly to the agreement. For whereas
 in the propositions by him made; there was not
 any thing that admitted exceptions on our part,
 but onely, that he required to carrie with him his
 ordinance, munition, and treasure, that beeing
 no way preiudiciall to the maine scope or drift of
 our Treatie, which chiefly respected the com-
 mon good and safetie of the kingdome, deserued
 not almost to be thought vpon. Besides that, the
 Treasure beeing at the first but a hundred thousand
 Duckats, with foure monethes payment of so
 many men, and other necessarie deductions, could
 not but bee very nere wasted; and that little re-
 mainder, more fit for a prey to the more ambitious,
 after

after his tedious travell, than for a clause in the
composition. Furthermore, how needfull it was
to embrace this accord, may clearly bee seene by
whosoener considereth the state of our Armie, al-
most utterly tyed: how full of danger and diffi-
culty it was to attempt a breach defended by so
many hands: how long time it might have cost
vs, if wee had lodged in the Breach, before wee
could have carried the Towne, it being full of
strong castles: how her Spanishtes ships and others
lying in the harbour, should have been forced spee-
dily to forsake vs for want of victuals: how by a
long contrariety of winds, our selues were not
prouided for above five daies, at the time of this
parley, though within fewe dayes after good store
arrived: it being indeed worthy of obseruation, that
by her Spanishtes great care, & the diligence of her
ministers, so good prouidence was vled, as though
this descent of Spaniards drew into that quarter
all the forces of the kingdom which could be spa-
red, altho they were onely to live by prouision out of
England; notwithstanding all the difficulties of
transportation, in so vnseasonable a time, no noto-
rious wants were found in the Armie, but that
which is vnseparable from a Winter siege, in that
Climate: that we had neyther munitiion nor Artil-
lerie left but for one batterie in one place at once,
five of our peeces being before razed: and finally,
that if we had missed of our purpose, the whole coun-
trei had been hazarded. Furthermore, that which
seemeth of greatest consequence to induce his
Highnes to this agreement, was: That the Spa-
nyards in Baltymore Castle haden and Brecken-
ridg haden,

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hauen, by vertue of this contract were likewise
to surrender those places, and depart the coun-
treys, which would haue pzooued a matter of moze
difficultie, and haue dzawne on a long warre in
a corrupted kingdome, to root them out, being
strongly fortified and well stored with victuals,
munition, and artillerie, for that of necessitie the
Armie for some space, must haue rested, and in the
end haue bene constrained after a new supplie of
all necessaries, to her Maesties intollerable charge,
to transport themselves thither by sea, the way by
land being altogether unpasseable. In which time,
their succours out of Spaine in all likelihood,
would haue bene come vnto them, the king being
so farre ingaged in his honour to second his enter-
prise, and we barred of that prosecution of the Re-
bels, which now by this Agreement we may whole-
ly intend.

The Treatie therefore was thus concluded, as
by the Articles ensuing, signed on both parts, ap-
peareth.

Mountioye.

In the town of Kynsale, in the kingdome of Ire-
land, the second day of the month of Ianuarie,
1601, betwixen the noble Lords, the Lord Mount-
ioye, Lord Deputie, and Generall in the kingdome
of Ireland, for her Maestie the Queen of England,
and Don Iohn d' L Aquila, Captaine and Campe-
maister,

maister, Generall and Gouvernour of the Arme of his Maestie the King of Spaine, the said Lord Deputie being encamped, & besieging the said towne, and the said Don Iohn within it, for iust respects, and to auoid shedding of blood, these conditions following were made betwene the said Lords Generals, and their campes, with the Articles which follow.

First, That the said Don Iohn d' L Aquila shall quit the places which he holds in this Kingdome, as well of the towne of Lynsale, as those which are held by the soldiers vnder his command in Castle-hauen, Baltymore, and in the castle at Bérhauen, and other parts, to the said Lord Deputie, or to whome he shall appoint: giuing him safe transportation, and sufficient for the saide people, of Ships and victuals, with the which the sayd Don Iohn with them may go for Spaine, if he can at one time, if not, in two shippings.

Item that the Souldiers at this present being vnder the commaunde of Don Iohn, in this Kingdome, shall not beare armes against her Maestie the Quene of England, whersoever supplies shall come from Spaine, till the said souldiers be vnshipped in some of the Ports of Spaine, being dispatched as soone as may be by the Lord Deputie, as hee promisseth vpon his saith and hono^r.

For the accomplishing wherof the Lord Deputie offereth to giue free passport to the said Don Iohn and his army, as well Spaniards as other nations.

tions whatsoener that are vnder his commaund, and that he may depart with all the things he hath, Armes, Munitions, Money, Ensignes displayed, Artillery & other whatsoener provisions of warre, and any kind of stiffe, aswell that which is in Castlehaven, as Kynsale and other parts.

Item that they shal haue ships and victuals sufficient for their money, according and at the prices which here they vse to giue. That al the people and the said things may be shipped if it be possible at one time, if not, at two: and that to be within the time aboue named.

Item that if by contrary windees or by any other occasions there shal arise at any port of these kingdomes of Ireland or England, any shippes of these in which the said men goe, they be entreated as frendes, and may ride safely in the harbor, and be victualed for their mony, and haue moreover things which they shall need to furnish the to their voyage.

Item, during the time that they shall stay for shipping, victuals shalbe giuen to Don Johns people, at iust and reasonable rates.

Itē, that of both parts shalbe cessation of armes, and security that no wrong be offered any one.

Item, That the Ships in which they shall goe for Spayne may passe safely by any other Ships whatsoener of her Maiestie the Quēne of England,

England : and so shall they of the sayd Quene and her Subiects by those that shall goe from hence : & the sayde Shippes being arriued in Spaine, shall returne as soone as they haue vnshipped their men without any impediment giuen them by his Maiestie, or any other person in his name, but rather they shall shewe them fauour, and helpe them if they neede any thinge, and for securitie of this, they shall giue into the Lord Deputies handes Three Captaines such as hee shall chuse.

For the securitie of the perfourmance of these Articles, Don Iohn offereth that hee will confirme and sweare to accomplish this Agreement : and likewise some of the Captaines of his charge shall sweare and confirme the same in a seuerall writing.

Item that hee in person shall abide in this Kingdome where the Lord Deputie shall appoint till the last shipping vpon his Lordshippes word : and if it happen that his people be shipped all at once, the sayde Don Iohn shall goe in the same Flote without any Impediment giuen him. But rather the Lord Deputie shall giue a good Shippe in which he may goe, and if his sayd men be sent in two shippings, then he shall goe in the last.

And in like sort the saide Lord Deputie shall sweare and confirme, and giue his word in the behalfe of her Maiestie the Quene and his owne, to keepe and accomplish this Agreement, and ioyntly the Lord President, the Lord Marshall of the
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Campe,

Campe, and thother of the Councell of State, and the Earles of Thomond & Clanrykard shall sweare and confirme the same in a severall writing.

George Carew.

Thomond.

Clanrikard.

R. Wingfeild.

R. Gardemor.

Geo. Bourcher.

Rich. Liueson.

I promise and sweare to accomplish and keepe these Articles of Agreement, and promise the same likewise on the behalfe of his Maiestie Catholique the Kinge my Maister.

Don John d'l Aquila.

And so is this troubled Cloud, of most likely perillous danger for this time dissolved, to her Maiesties most singular renowne; Not so much for the glorie of the event, as for her owne Magnanimitie and Princely resolution, to leaue nothing undone which might preserve that Crowne, how deare so ever it cost her; to the great honour of our Generall, Leaders, and Soldiers by land and Sea Across therein, who, if it be well considered, that after the Enemies arrivall xxiii. September,

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ber, it was xxvi. October befoze they could get all things readie to sit do wne nere the Towne : xxix. October befoze their Ordinance could play, And that by i. November. they had gottē Ricorren castle, And then vii. November were diuē shrewdly to diminish their strength by sending the L. President from them with two Regiments of foote and 325 hozses against Odonell, That hee returned not till xxv. November, his Companies 26. And then that the Supplies of Spaine were landed. That the most of our shipping that did vs speciall service were gone towardees them, That Odonell was alreadie come, Tyron shortly after, and xx. December all in sight : 24 beaten : That xxxj. December the Parley begonne, ij. Januarie the Articles were swozne : ix. the Towne yielded. These thinges (I say) considered, it cannot bee thought they spent any idle time, as by the Journals also which I sent you heretofore doth particulerly appeare. Nay, let it bee duely considered indeed, that the Towne though not regularly fortified after the moderne sort, yet was of strong situation, well walled, and rampierd of the old fashion, and apt to receiue fit fortification, which the Enemy by his skill and leasure had giuen it, both within the Towne and without, as being accounted of great knowledge in fortification, and hauing bene a Moneth in it befoze our men could come nere much to molest him. And it may rather bee maruailed, y such an Enemy with such a Companie, so provided, not being constrained by sicknesse, famine, or other defect of provision, and expeding

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Mostly (as himselfe tearmeth it) a Royall supplie
 fro Spaine, should so soone yeeld vp, not only it, but
 the other Castles, & that of Baltymore especially
 so important, so strong, so furnished to hold so
 long out, as by his owne acknowledgement ap-
 peareth befoze. Well, going they are with y^e loane
 of ordinarie vessels which they also pay for : for
 whome yea and almost for any enemye of lesse
 qualitie than these, all auncient estate wisdomes
 would haue aduised to haue made and giuen them
 a goulden brydge to passe ouer, rather than they
 should haue stayed longer vppon any Condition,
 much lesse vpon doubtfull hope of a small contemp-
 tible pillage to haue bene gotten of them, which
 must needes also haue bene bought with much
 blood, and with what further Charge and ha-
 zard to the mayne, God knoweth. And howsoe-
 uer any perticuler humour may take it, I thinke
 Don Iohn (all Circumstances considered) did ad-
 uisedly for his King to leaue it : And for our part
 I take it a Seruice to haue bene most honourably
 performed, with singuler euident profite, and
 all probabilitie of certaine future securitie to our
 Prince and Countrey, and that otherwise it can-
 not bee conceaued off, of any that will indifferent-
 ly iudge. The proofe whereof by the fruite be-
 ginneeth here presently to appeare, by the dimini-
 shing of her Maiesties Charge, daunting of the
 Rebels, quiet, comfort, and encouragement of the
 good, and befoze dismayed Subiect, and will (I
 doubt not) but be generally felt with you there, by
 sparing your men and monneys, and putting you
 out of feare hereafter, of your and our, and all
 Englands.

Englands potent Enemy for his further attempting this way. And this for this of the late victorie and yielding of the Towne, which is my purposed taske unto you at this time. As for that which was done from the first landing of the Spaniards till the fight, I referre you to the Iournals sent you before. And for the generall course of the noble Lord Deputies whole proceedings in this Land, since his first arrivall here, I leaue it to others to be treated of more at large hereafter, onely this I will now say in generall, let it be but without humour iudicially considered, in what estate he found this Land, and to what he hath now brought it, and there is none so vniuersally affected, but must be forced to confesse, *Quantum mutatus ab illo!* And here I end my object of the fight, and yielding of the Towne, and whole quiting of all the Inuadoes, with *Salmacida Spolia*, an vnbloudie victorie of our part, most befitting a Virgin Queene, and a Bachelor Generall. And so doe betake you to the Almighty. At Corcke this 13 of Ianuarie, 1601.

Your assured at command.
I. E.